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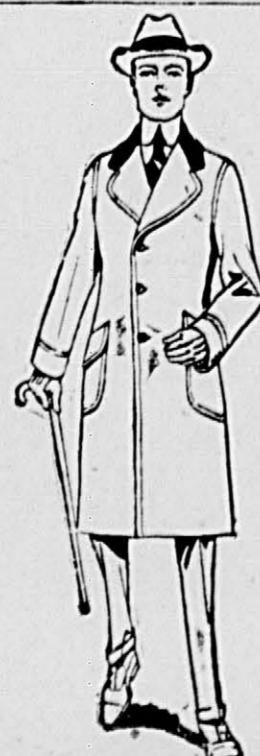
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### ALLIES WERE IN NASTY POSITION

Captain "Doge" Windeler's Description of Gallipoli.

#### NOW STATIONED AT SUEZ

Newfoundlanders Rushed from Suvla to Helles Without Christmas Dinner.

Captain H. S. (Doge) Windeler, Sci. 11, who went overseas with the Newfoundland contingent and is now brigade machine gun officer with the 29th Division at Suez, Egypt, writes to a friend at the University describing the ordeal through which the British passed at Gallipoli and the successful manner in which the peninsula was evacuated. Captain Windeler writes:

"Received our first mail to-day since December 9, and the interval between has been full of incidents. To start with, as you know, Huzac and Suvla were evacuated by us on the nights of the 20th and 21st. Think I wrote you at Christmas, but a mnot sure. Anyway, after the storm and flood at Suvla, where we lost many men from drowning and exposure, on November 25th and the three succeeding days it was decided to evacuate. Our brigade took over the 86th line as well as our own, and the last night withdrew in four consecutive parties from the firing line and embarked without being shelled. We were taken to Imbros, expecting a long-earned rest; but, no, after two days, one of which was very wet and no shelter for the men, we were re-embarked and arrived at Helles on Christmas Eve with no kit, no food save bully beef and biscuits. All mails were stopped on December 9, so we got no Christmas parcels. Here at Helles we were in reserve until New Year's Eve. Being in reserve meant continual shell fire, and gradually this increased as the Turks brought shells and guns from Suvla and Anzac. New Year's Eve we went to the firing line to take over and consolidate trenches captured from the Turks two days before. Arms, legs and other parts of the body were strewn around, and all sorts of equipment. As the Turks still resented losing these trenches and shelled them by day and bombed them by night, they were very unhealthy, and our casualties were more than usual. However, our brigade held on.

#### The Fighting at Helles.

"The fighting at Helles was much more severe than at Suvla. Mines were sunk everywhere, and the shelling was very severe. The Turks had some 6-inch guns and larger, and had lots of high explosive shells. By Jove! but they are nasty! When they burst the whole earth shakes, and pieces of iron fly 200 yards from the point of burst. Their aeroplanes were very active, and I lost a good pal from a cursed bomb dropped from a Taube. It blew him to atoms. Their guns from Ach Baba fired from the front, and their Asiatic armies enfiladed us from Asia. These Asiatic guns used to fire day and night at the beaches where the piers were. Well, to cut it short, it was decided to evacuate Helles also. Our brigade as usual was left in the firing line to the last, and everything of value in rear was shipped off at night. The last night was to be January 8-9, and all went well. Fine nights and no sea. I was sent with the first party and embarked at 8 p.m. with 40 men from brigade headquarters. We eventually arrived in Hudios harbor at 10 a.m. of the 9th and shortly after transferred to the S— of the Allan Line. As Sunday, the 9th, wore on, more boats with troops arrived and soon we knew the evacuation had been successful, and very little shelling had been done by the Turks.

"The last parties left the firing line at 2:30 a.m. At 11:40 p.m. the Turks started bombing some of our sap-heads, but we returned it and all was quiet. The nervous strain each day was no joke, as their aeroplanes were always overhead, and all work had to be done at night so as not to give the show away. The wind got up the last night, and by 4 a.m., Sunday, the 9th, a heavy sea was running, and there was difficulty in embarking the last parties. The S— left for Alexandria on Tuesday early, and we arrived Thursday, 8 a.m., after a peaceful run. Lots to eat, hot baths, drinks of all sorts and beds to sleep in were welcome changes, with no drills or bullet to worry you. I was put in charge of machine guns and mounted six, four forward and two aft. On Wednesday and Thursday.

#### St. Patrick's Day

Top o' the morning to you, dear, And you, my laddie-buck, I hope that on St. Patrick's Day You'll have the best o' luck. A four-leaved Shamrock may you find, A cast-off horseshoe, too, And all good wishes, every kind, I wish them all to you.

I'll pray the good St. Patrick heap His blessings on your head, That you may live a hundred years, Nor even then be dead; A merry life—a happy one— For nothing may you pine; And many thousand other things, I wish you, friends of mine, E'en though you come from England fair, Or sunny Zanzibar, Or live beneath the Southern Cross, Or high-flung Northern Star, I'll ask you not forget, my friends, When Irish hearts are gay, To wear a little sprig of green, Upon St. Patrick's Day.

—T. J. KELLY, B.A., Law 17.

### MIDNIGHT LIST OF CASUALTIES

Ottawa, March 17.—The following is the list of casualties issued at midnight:

#### 1st Battalion.

Slightly wounded—Lance-Corporal Percy G. Prior, England.

#### 2nd Battalion.

Wounded—Alfred Bunkall, England.

#### 3rd Battalion.

Slightly wounded—Henry Clark Moorefield, Ont.

Previously reported missing, believed killed, now killed in action—Charles Bradshaw, England.

Died of wounds—Walter G. Stephens, England.

#### 4th Battalion.

Wounded—Sergt. Hugh McKenzie, 338 Nairn ave., Elmwood, Winnipeg, Man.; Thomas Crawford, 118 Napier street, Sarnia, Ont.; Corporal Peter Davidson, 461 Bannerman ave., Winnipeg, Man.

#### 15th Battalion.

Previously reported missing, now killed in action—Geo. H. Cleal, Clifton road, Moorpark, Toronto; William F. Henderson, 37 View street, Holyoke, Mass.; Frederick H. Davis, England.

#### 17th Battalion.

Seriously ill—Gordon Padley, Kearney, Ont.; John Leach, Manitowaning, Ont.

#### 18th Battalion.

Wounded—Robert H. Clark, England.

#### 21st Battalion.

Wounded—John W. Lindsay, Deseronto, Ont.; Charles Hayward, England.

#### 22nd Battalion.

Wounded—Pierre Couillard, Farnham, Que.

#### 25th Battalion.

Severely wounded—Frank Oakley, 57 Maynard street, Halifax, N.S.

#### 19th Battalion.

Wounded—John S. Mason, England.

5th Field Company, Canadian Divisional Engineers.

Died—Sapper Thomas H. Rootes, 76 Charron street, Montreal.

No. 1 Canadian General Hospital.

Seriously ill—Wm. A. McClintock, Bragg Creek, Calgary, Alta.

#### HARRIER CLUB

A special meeting of the Harrier Club is called for Saturday, March 18th, in Strathcona Hall.

#### What's On

To-day  
8:15 p.m.—Rustum Rostomjee at R.V.C. on "Tagore."

8:00 p.m.—Mandolin Club at American Presbyterian Church.

#### Coming

March 18—Play-off Senior Basketball: McGill vs. North Branch.

March 18th—Harrier Club Meeting, Strathcona Hall.

March 19th—"Sunday-Sing," Strathcona Hall, 8:45 p.m.

March 20th—Meeting of Major G. G. G. at Union, 5:00 p.m.

March 22—Play-off Senior Basketball: McGill vs. North Branch.

March 24—Annual Meeting, Medical Society.

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## College Spirit

College spirit is a very difficult thing to define, and yet is used in college as a plea for numberless things, from breaking oneself on loans to anything else one can imagine. Here is what the Columbia Spectator says about this indefinable quality which is such an essential part of college:

"When men laugh at college spirit, they are victims of an unfortunate misconception."

"They see men practising with the various athletic squads, or working on the student publications, and they say: 'Lo, there is college spirit! Now, of what use is it?'

"None at all, if that were all there were to it."

"But the going out for a team, or the labor involved in an activity, are not college spirit. They are not even results of college spirit. They are only manifestations of it, by-products."

"College spirit is not these things. It is something infinitely greater."

"It is the spirit of a community—of men who, living side by side, are working for the same ends and ideals. It is founded upon association. It is connected with the thousand friendships that spring up in college. It is the natural and inevitable result of the American academic system."

"It is no different, in essence, from city spirit or race spirit, for instance; but is a thousand times more potent than anything like it, because it comes to a young man at the most impressionable time of his life, and because it has its roots in the associations of his most valuable years."

"It explains why alumni come back year after year to renew the experiences of their academic career. Those things have a hold on a man. It takes years and years of disassociation to make them fade into forgetfulness, and they can never entirely be shaken off."

"Columbia enthusiasts believe Columbia spirit is a bigger thing for them than the spirit of any other college, because their associations are wrapped up with Columbia. They believe, possibly, that the men they know, and the faculty that taught them, and even the buildings where they spent their college days, are just a little better, for them, than those of any other college. Yale men think the same of Yale; Princeton men of Princeton."

"But if a man is an enthusiast for his own college, it is because he has helped to make it better than the others."

"If a man believes in the community spirit that surrounds his Alma Mater, it is because he has helped to make that spirit."

"All men have it. Some are mildly interested in it. Some merely look on. Some are in love with it."

"But a man can't love it unless he is part of it."

## Editorial Note

The notice of McGill men is drawn again to the meeting on Monday next for the election of the rest of the Executive of the three major athletic clubs of the college, the Hockey, the Track and the Football Club. It behoves all members of these clubs—and these are all who have paid their universal fee—to turn out and make a quorum for this important meeting. The business of the three clubs will be done at the same time. Monday, in the Union, at 4.30 p.m.

## ALLIES WERE IN NASTY POSITION

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Wednesday we dropped some barrels overboard to shoot at. Did good shooting, too. Went ashore at Alexandria long enough to send a wire home. We entrained the same night for Suez camp. Friday, at 6 a.m., found us tied up at Neptis Junction, 20 miles from Suez, plumb out in the desert. Wreck ahead, and there we stayed 25 hours. A ration train brought us bully beef, biscuits and water, and as we had a foot-ball or two we had the whole desert to play on.

Now Guarding Suez.

On Saturday we arrived O.K. and camped two miles out of the town of Suez. On Saturday and Sunday more troops arrived, and the 29th are together, less most of our kit.

"Hope to get leave for Cairo soon. Got some newspapers, and see the new campus is finished. Hope to live through this and visit the old place once more. Am temporary captain while on the brigade staff as brigade machine gun officer. Am also mess president of our mess, and have been busy buying new stuff."

"The 29th Division consists of all the regular regiments, with the exception

of my regiment, and the regular English soldier can be beaten."

"My brother Eric (Med. '14) is still O.K. Has been treated to German incendiary shells, the basis of which is phosphorus."

"DOGE."

**BASKETBALL SATURDAY.**  
Team Ready for the Play-Off Clash With North Branch at Central.

A final workout for the first of the two games with the North Branch Y.M.C.A. for the championship of the Senior section of the Inter-Provincial Basketball League was held at the Central Y.M.C.A. last night with all the Senior men on hand. Mr. Lamb was on hand for the first time this season to give the boys first hand information on fine points of the game, and his advice will no doubt prove of great value. It appears, from their present form that the team should be able to take the championship from the North Enders if they do not get over anxious in Saturday's game. The game is scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday at the Central Gym, and promises to be the feature basketball event of the college year. The team expect to see a fair turnout of McGill men at this, their final game on the home floor.

"In this statement the government is correct, but in the light of the above cited facts, to use their own phrase, which nation could throw a stone for that feeling? Remember feeling only, and apparently and of

## TURKISH ACTS ON ARMENIANS

Told by Armenian, Who Says Turkish Claims are False.

### CALLS IT RANK HYPOCRISY

Relatives Have Been Either Annihilated or Driven from Their Homes.

The following statement regarding the course of the Turks toward the Armenians in Turkish territory was written by an Armenian who says he is desirous of making clear the real conditions in the East:

"I am sorry to state that I have not been able to learn anything in regard to my unfortunate relatives. I have applied to the state department, to the American board of mission, and also to one missionary that I learned had just returned from the region where my relatives lived. My investigations show that, if they are not annihilated, they are exiled from their homes to some remote desert. I have just read in the daily papers the Turkish justification of the atrocities. The Turkish government is trying to deceive the world with an explanation, a close study of which will condemn it, even if we did not go outside for witnesses. For the sake of humanity, read it and see how hard they try to disguise themselves and blame the Armenians for the massacres. I am thinking I should do what I can to take off the miserable mask they have put on. I cannot stand this disguise, this hypocrisy, if I am able to stand all the atrocities. How reasonable it looks! How many of the pro-Germans will be easily convinced of the truth and right of the imperial Ottoman robbery, and how many of the not informed neutrals will be made to believe the statements!"

"The Armenians were existing before the Young Turk government came into existence, but the report refers only historically from 1908, which is the year of the beginning of the horrid government. It says that the Armenians had started an insurrection at Adana. I suppose the imperial robbers think that among the people in whose eyes they want to be justified there will be none to look back to the papers of the year 1908, that there will not be anybody interested enough to refute such shame-faced lie. But we do not have to open books nor papers to know under what pretenses we were massacred in 1908.

"At the time of the Adana massacres, the Young Turk government was fighting the old Sultan, and they, at the time, explained to the European governments that it was the old Sultan that had caused the massacres. There were commissions appointed, Armenians and Turks. The Armenian members, after that investigation, mysteriously perished. All the Armenians at that time understood that it was the Young Turk government that had done the massacres, with the chance of blaming the old Sultan for it.

"This is the first time that the Turkish government has shown that it was themselves that massacred the Armenians, of course to kill insurrection! While they laid the blame on the old Sultan and called us brothers, they just showed their colors. I myself was called a 'brother' by Dr. Nazin, the secretary of the committee of union and progress—fountain of all evil—even long after the Balkan war.

"Then comes the humiliation they claim to have suffered at the hands of Armenians in Egypt. Armenians in Russia and elsewhere made a report of defense and attempts to show legal basis justifying the deportation of a population so far away from military zones that I think they have not yet heard that there is a war.

"How can I keep silent when I know it is so, having a mother in just such a location, who does not know how to read, who has always feared God, who only worked in the garden in the little village, far from civilization, and who learned the Turkish government to be the punishment of sins; and that just because such sins were punished in the world, there would be happiness in the next. Just think of this mother under the accusation of the Turkish government and let your thoughts follow her in front of the whip, marching to the desert, a martyr to crucifixion.

"I think you have the means to give publication to this letter in some strong paper or journal. I wish I had a strong pen, but I know you will be willing to help me in my fight against injustice and falsehood. Should you succeed in getting a place for it, you will of course avoid using my name, as I am going back through Germany. Do not mention anything that will throw suspicion on me."

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## SCISSORED SENTIMENT

### MAKING GOOD

Before the college bar of justice the grind stands condemned. Off of yore, the man who concentrated on narrow bookish interests was a mighty power with his weapons of intellectual accuracy. Now he stands dethroned, shorn of his glory by the wide swing of the pendulum of public opinion. He has become an object of pity.

To-day we pay tribute to the "big" men in college; we estimate a man often in terms of his honors. Even as the freshman departs from his home his ears ring with the modern slogan, "get out and make good."

It is true that the initial force of the pendulum was furnished by the insistent call for broader men to a fuller and more abundant life. But results argue that the sheer momentum of the start has caused an acceleration which has carried the swing far beyond the point intended by the applicants of the original force.

For what are college men to go out? When are they making good? There seems to be an abundance of more or less bazy opinion on these points. We find insistence on the going out. Men seem inclined to coat themselves with a light veneer of the many-sided life which must crack and rub off as soon as it comes into contact with the friction of test.

If their names are not followed with a long list of honors, not printed on the stationery of some club or organization, not sounded at the end of a college yell—some men feel that the yare failing. They are perturbed because someone else holds a higher position than they do, because someone else's name appears in larger type than theirs.

These men must be disillusioned. They cannot be leaders by merely saying so. They can never make good managers by merely being elected. They can never be men of distinction by merely being appointed. They must be these things.

True success must combine with it something substantial. Superficiality can never take the place of application.

The printer's devil, working for a dime per week, can set men's names in 36-point type, "but only a few men in a generation set up the physical, moral and mental monuments that make the man"—Colgate Madisonensis.

### POSTING GRADES

For a long time it has been an accepted and approved custom in the Law Department to post all term grades, and to place quiz papers where all who come may read. The custom has undoubtedly served as a stimulus to study, and has helped to create a keener interest in grades, as well as frankness on the part of the students.

The posting of grades has, in fact, served as an advertisement for scholarship. It has kept the importance of success in one's courses more constantly in the minds of the students.

The custom has done for all of the students in the department what students frequently do for themselves; namely, it has subjected them to sterner requirements with the result that success or failure, whichever may have been their lot, has been more keenly felt.

It has served to call the attention of the student himself in the most certain and definite terms to the exact extent of his failure or success, to encourage him to continue in his good work if his grades were high, and to lead him to censure himself for his failure if his grades were low. Few students look upon their mediocre grades with the same indifference with which they would look upon them if they knew that no one else knew of their deficiency.

At first the general posting of grades might be objectionable to many students, but after the custom became established it would be looked upon as desirable. He who comes to the University primarily to study could not object; and he who did not come with the primary purpose of studying, likewise could not object if he sincerely believes that good grades are not important. He were inconsistent to depreciate good grades, and then fear the consequence of the public knowledge that he had made only poor ones.

If the plan of posting grades has been used with a wholesome and beneficial effect in the Law Department, could it not then be used with like advantage in the University at large? —The Daily Texan.

### SPELLING CLASS FORMED

On account of a tendency, which is quite a vogue among the students of Columbia University to take liberties with the English language in the matter of spelling, a class to correct bad spelling was started by one of the college lecturers. About 40 students took advantage of the class, which, from the production of spelling given, in answer to the exercises, most strikingly demonstrated the need for its institution.

### MANDOLIN PLAYERS.

The McGill Mandolin Club is to take part in the annual concert of the American Presbyterian Church this evening. Free supper served at 6:30 p.m. Programme begins at 8. Bring your mandolins and music. Remember, the date was changed to March 17 especially to suit us, so be there on time.



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## :: A MARCH TO RELIEVE ::

It is night. The almost indescribable forms of the small party of soldiers moving noiselessly close to the buildings on one side of the street of a deserted town seem uncanny. With the exception of the faintest whisper of the marching men there is no life as far as the senses can reach. It is January, 1916, on the front in France.

The men are returning to the first trenches after the periodic four days rest given by their regiment with each twelve days in the first line. They have been at a village in back, enjoying the novelty of being out of shell range.

The town the party passes through is within half a mile of the Germans. Before the war 20,000 people lived here. Now soldiers sleep in the cellars and the other parts are full of strange things. On the march the soldiers take the side of the street protected in a sense by the tall buildings that tower irregularly. On the other side, facing the German lines, is nothing but ruins. A lighted match held in the middle of the street would seem like a powerful arc light at home.

With the collars of their sodden coats turned up, brushing the backs of their steel helmets, the men plod on with the slinging gait of French soldiers. It has rained steadily for the last five weeks except for a day here and there, and the soldiers are wet to the skin from the march up. In their pockets, where it is less wet, they carry few delicacies given them in the rear. They figure how to keep these dry: themselves they are not bothered about. They have had months of this. The rain fills everything.

There are ten men in the company and the writer. The soldiers have fought together for over a year. They represent most of what remains of two companies of fine fellows—500 in all. Danger has made them inseparable friends. Each excursion back has been something taken from their ranks. On each trip up the men wonder who will be the next.

Because of its continuity, this wonder has become sort of sub-conscious thought with all, and with their resignation to fate they joke about it. A year at the front has left its marks on their minds and faces.

## Like Distant Thunder.

As we pass out of the town there is a rumbling as of distant thunder. It is the heavy guns at work in a far-off sector—possibly an attack. It seems strange that the trenches can be so near in this wilderness of dead things.

Suddenly there is the poop, poop, poop of a machine gun, several sharp rifle cracks, the sharp report of an exploding grenade and all is silent again. We have taken an outside road which in daytime is viewed by the Germans from their positions on the top of hill a quarter of a mile away. The road is barricaded to army equipment, but the soldiers themselves risk it at night. Now the careless pounding of their heavy boots on the hard road would probably bring a shell or two.

Frequently we pass forms gliding by in the opposite direction—men coming down on leave—and an occasional low word is said.

Some distance on there is an intersection. Here the company slackens its pace—more by instinct than the half imaginative masses of something looming up ahead—and the soldiers know they are not alone.

Suddenly from over the hill on the right, a rocket flares above the trenches, hangs for an instant high in the air and bursts into a great ball of greenish light, making day for an instant, then leaving the strange land in more than inky blackness than ever.

Instantly there is the rattle of many chains, a multitude of low voices and the muffled creaking of heavy wheels under the strain as the leader of the long line of daily equipment to the batteries and the men in the trenches get the lay of the land in that instant and proceed. They have come up through a small village inhabited by soldiers on a less exposed road. The trenches run off at this point, and there is more freedom of speech and movement.

We fall in alongside the caravan up a long straight road. We have come upon more soldiers, and another rocket shows a whole column marching in front. At the top of the road there is another village—the last one before the trenches.

Here the drivers of the teams, with the exception of a few who press on, pull up, and amid much confusion, but little noise, unload and return to safety in the rear.

Here and there is a light along the unexposed side of the road in the shadow of the houses. The men take chances. On the other side of this village the houses are also down. The street now is a jumble of horses, wagons and soldiers. The Germans dropping shells on the road at this time of night often kill as many as a score of men at a time. The street runs with blood, but the work goes on.

## Red Cross Ambulance

As we approach the centre of the town and take a road to the right leading up to the trenches a low canvas-bodied automobile with large red crosses on its sides glides noiselessly by through the jam to a dressing station some distance on along the protected side of the street. It goes for wounded who are being brought down from the trenches according to a message telephoned back to the base a short time ago. Soldiers in

the road and drivers pay the machine the greatest deference.

As our party proceeds up the long, winding road, we suddenly and involuntarily lower our heads and crouch before the consuming roar and merciless shriek of a shell tearing through the air. It goes over and shatters into the street with a deafening, ripping crash. Two more shells follow and we wonder what is happening behind, but the soldiers keep on walking.

Several minutes more, guided periodically by the blinding glare of the rockets over the trenches, we come upon a graveyard. It is a typical front cemetery, full of trenches and individual mounds—according to the time at the disposal of the grave diggers, marked by little crosses and pathetic emblems of fellow comrades, little houses of stone, rude inscriptions and the like. Here lie 10,000 of the men who have fallen in this section of the Argonne. As we pass we can remember much.

Past the cemetery the road enters what is left of a wood. Frequently sentinels block the path and demand the watchword. Five months ago the Germans were at this point, but they have since been driven to the other side of the hill. There is nothing but darkness on either side of the road, but the soldiers know that to enter a foot would be impossible. Barbed wire intertwined so thickly among the trees makes this section now almost impregnable.

Some distance on there is the hint of a light from a dugout or something on the side away from the Germans.

There is a terrible rumbling crash that seems to tear away the hill and the earth stakes as one of the over-ground mines explodes. But whether in a French or a German trench the soldiers do not know. Immediately several high explosive shells tear across from the German side and explode with deafening crashes in the woods on the left.

The earth shakes again and stones, ground, and pieces of trees fall back into the wood near the soldiers, who again press on after crouching for an instant. Then there is the report of several exploding grenades from somewhere in front, and all is quiet again. But not for long, for almost instantly the silence is broken by several sharp reports from somewhere in the rear and an instant later shells tear through the sky overhead with the sound of ripping silk, to spread injury and death a second later in a German trench.

A Listening Post

A sergeant with our company walks along the line for short distances, making observations. At one point a short trench shoots off perpendicularly toward the Germans. It stops about half-way between the French and German lines, which at this point are about ninety feet apart. A man of exceptional hearing is stationed at the end.

He waits there to catch what is possible of what the Germans are saying. Several times the French were warned of impending attacks in this manner. The Germans have discovered his place, however, and he expects every watch to be his last. He commands the respect of his regiment and has been decorated. Like the other soldiers, he knows that to be slightly wounded is the best that can happen. He has his hopes.

As the sergeant comes to this ditch one of the sentinels nearby turns from his hole and greets him. He was one of our party. He is just a boy with the boyish voice and he has an indelible smile. He points jokingly to the German trenches and says something to the sergeant as he passes on. He offers me his gun to fire at the Germans.

I follow the sergeant down the line at his offer to show me the nearest machine gun. Hardly have we reached the first safety turn when there is a dull swish, followed by a sharp, tearing explosion at the place we just had left. We duck and the soldiers around us as a shower of light debris falls on our heads and shoulders. It was a grenade.

A little later we step into a connecting trench to let pass two brandiers bearing a wounded man in a trench hammock. The fellow is drawn into ball and badly torn at the stomach for his waist is running with blood.

As they pass we have time to catch a glimpse of a twitching but conscious face. It is the face of a boy, and there is still the trace of a smile. "I'm all right," he says as the sergeant springs over the youth and with an ejaculation clasps a hand. "It's all right with me, Henri," the boy says, quietly. "They got me this time, but it's not bad."

The sergeant's duty is here for the present. He cannot go back to the third line, so he says in a breaking voice: "God take care of you," and shakes his fist at the German lines with a look of utter hate and despair, for the two were great friends.

Some time later at the first aid station in the third line, the brandiers have just crowded a stretcher against the wall to make room for two badly wounded men. On the stretcher is the body of a soldier—a boy who died on his way down—and on his face there is still something of a smile.

On the way back again I can hear the voice from somewhere in the waste over the trenches begging for help, cursing for help, and crying for help. It says the same things over and over again and is now faint and almost indistinguishable. My guide, who has seen a year's fighting, shakes his head and says there is no help.

It is hard to try not to listen to it. It is useless almost, for the voice calls on and dies away as we go back.

"The four days is a well-earned rest. It's great to be alive then," my friend remarks with a shrug.

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There are 700 men in Montreal today who consider themselves born under lucky stars, and these men do not cease telling their friends that they have found a condition of things which they did not believe existed in war time. They are "the boys" of the 148th Battalion, and their reason for feeling so pleased is the way in which they are looked after in the old High School Barracks on Peel street.

They are men who may consider themselves fairly good judges of comfortable conditions, for the battalion, which is commanded by Lieut.-Col. A. A. Magee, has in its ranks business men, college men and soldiers who are used to pleasant surroundings in their own homes.

A reporter went around the barracks from garret to cellar—if such a term could be used in a building in which there is neither one nor the other—and every soldier he spoke to expressed the opinion that no quarters could be more comfortable, no food could be better, and no man could wish for better treatment than they were getting, individually and collectively. More than one said that if only they could get some of their friends who had not yet donned the khaki to come in and spend a day or two with them in barracks, the friends would not want to leave them.

Although they cannot do this, the friends will have an opportunity on Sunday afternoon of looking over the building, for the commanding officer will allow the general public the privilege of visiting the barracks on that day, to enable the people to see the arrangements made for the comfort of the gallant boys who are training to go overseas to fight for Britain, liberty and justice.

The outstanding feature noticed in every room was the general sweetness of the air, the immense amount of light, the cleanliness of everything, and the general air of contentment pervading. In fact, the soldiers' quarters in the large class rooms upstairs, with their high ceilings, many big windows, hot air ventilating system, with controllers in each room, seemed to be superior to the quarters in which the officers sleep.

All the administrative officers of the battalion are on the ground floor, with the exception of the medical officers' office and miniature drug store, which is upstairs; and the manner in which the old school has been planned out is a marvel of ingenuity and a great aid to the efficiency of the organization, which is most marked.

Each company has its separate office, behind which is the cubicle in which the second in command of that particular company has his sleeping quarters, so that when they are not in the officers' lounge, which is comfortably but plainly furnished, or in the mess across the corridor, the authorities can always be found in their offices or private rooms behind. Alongside the company offices is what might be called the "hub" of the efficiency wheel, for it is the recruiting office and recruiting campaign promotion office, where the machine gun officer

and his corps of assistants are continually devising ways and means of showing the able-bodied man wherein the path of his duty lies. The efficiency of this department has excited the admiration of every unit in the division, and it has drawn high praise from officers who are in positions of authority.

The colonel and his second in command have their sleeping "cabins" partitioned off from their office, while the remainder of the officers sleep in two big general rooms—as one of them put it, all such good and old friends with each other that they preferred that way to having their separate little rooms.

The whole building, so far as its interior arrangements go, has been reconstructed since the days when it was occupied by the 24th Battalion last winter, and the men are provided for in a way which gives them the minimum amount of trouble with the maximum amount of comfort. The kitchens are in the basement, each company having its set of cooking ranges and serving tables, and its staff of waiters. The system of feeding the men, under the eagle eye of the quartermaster, is an expeditious one. The men march direct to their dining halls, take their seats, and the food is placed before them by the waiters, so many to each company. The stores come in every day about 11 o'clock, sufficient for 24 hours.

The "spud squad" seems to be kept busy all day long peeling the potatoes, and the cooks are continually engaged in making puddings and pies and other things to tickle the palate after the more serious viands have been got out of the way. Everything is scrupulously clean, the food is well cooked—as good a meal as any healthy man could wish for.

The hot air furnaces are also on this floor, and in this connection it may be mentioned there has been a vast improvement. Previously the air that was sucked into the furnaces was drawn from within the building, and allowed to go up through the flues, taking with it dust and impurities that were drawn up from the floors or were floating around in the lower part of the building. Now the air chamber has been shut off, the interior whitened, and the window thrown open near every furnace, so that the cold fresh air from out of doors is drawn to the flues, passes through a cheese-cloth screen up the pipes and heated. The result is that the air that ascends to the uppermost floor and is emitted into the rooms is as sweet and fresh as possible, and from a hygienic point of view the soldiers are better off than the majority of people who have their heating arrangements in their own houses and their double windows.

The recreation rooms of the men are large and extremely well lighted; the men have a piano, plenty of games, all sorts of papers, books and magazines, and crested notepaper, provided free of charge. There is a dry canteen in which they can purchase anything from boot laces to kola champagne (including bottles of fresh milk, of which they consume about 120 pints a day), pies which are bought by the dozen, cigarettes specially made for the 148th, and bearing their own crest "every cigarette"; and souvenirs buttons, brooches, stick-pins, hat-pins, silk cushion covers, and a score of things which their relatives and friends will value as souvenirs of the officers sleep.

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Of course there are regulations to be observed in keeping things tidy and in their place, but such is the class of men who are in the battalion that all the sleeping quarters are cleaned and tidied long before the officer makes his rounds. There are dozens of shower baths throughout the building, each supplied with hot and cold water, and they are always in use in the early mornings, although it is not compulsory. The men sleep in the approved three-tier bunks, each having its regulation amount of air space.

The Picture Committee wishes to remind the following students, who as yet have not had their picture taken, that the committee shall not be responsible for the appearance of their picture in the graduation picture unless taken this week, or the early part of next week at the latest: W. H. Kelly, J. C. O'Donnell, J. E. H. Paisley, C. O. Monat, H. W. Harris, R. McCullay, L. Chalifoux, A. L. Fyson, W. J. Harshaw, B. R. Hooper, H. P. Hilsley, J. M. Scott, G. D. Thompson, G. Ulmer.

## SCIENCE '16 PICTURES.

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The committee would request these gentlemen to make their appointments at once.

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## ELECTRICAL CLUB SEES HELLO GIRLS

Interesting and Instructive Trip  
 Made Yesterday to the  
 Main Exchange.

At 3 p.m. yesterday about twenty members of the Electrical Club met at the office of Mr. Buckard, outside engineer for the Bell Telephone Co., for the purpose of taking a trip through the Main exchange. The party divided up into three groups, one being in charge of Mr. Buckard and Mr. Burr, and the other two in charge, respectively, of two of the other engineers.

The students were first shown where the large 400 pair cables entered the building through conduits.

Each of these cables being too large to work with in the building, were split into four 100-pair cables, which were led to the racks, where they were all stranded and from which the connections to the switchboards were made. It was interesting to see such a network of wires, which to the casual observer seemed to be all mixed up, but every pair of which had one particular place.

The next part of interest was the back of the switchboard, which was one mass of very expensive cable-work. This was due to the installation of what is called the multiple jacks, and which makes it possible for any one operator to get in touch with every phone on the board, and thus eliminating the necessity of transfer trunks and extra labor in operation. In some systems it was more economical to install the transfer trunks, but where service was the main essential the multiple system was used. The front of the switchboard was then shown and the operation explained.

**R.V.C. UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY ELECTIONS**

The election of officers of the R.V.C. Undergraduate Society for the coming session will take place to-day. The polls will be open from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m.

The scrutineers in charge are: 9:00-10:00—Misses Mary Taylor and Bertha Baker. 10:00-11:00—Misses Grace Gardner and Mary Taylor. 11:00-12:00—Misses M. Corner and Bessie Fraser. 12:00-1:00—Misses Ethel Henry and Bessie Fraser. 1:00-2:00—Misses Mabel Corner and Ella Jackson. 2:00-3:00—Misses Grace Gardner and Ruth Cram. 3:00-4:00—Misses Ethel Henry and Bertha Baker. 4:00-5:00—Misses Ella Jackson and Ruth Cram.

**PENN. WANTS MILITARY TRAINING**

Philadelphia, Pa.—Acting on the petition of 2000 students of the University of Pennsylvania for a course in military training, the trustees on Monday appointed the following committee to act in the matter: John C. Bell, John Cadwalader, Joseph C. Rosengarten and Robert G. LeConte. All are trustees and all are said to favor the course proposed. The student body is enthusiastic over the plan.

## SCIENCE 1919 HAD BANQUET

Enjoyable Evening Spent at the Corona by Freshmen.

### GOOD IMPROMPTU TALENT

Donald Beach Played a Waltz He Had but Recently Composed.

One of the private dining rooms of the Corona Hotel was the scene of a banquet held by Science '19 the night before last. The banqueters assembled about eight o'clock, and after waiting a little while for the late-comers sat down to a five course repast to which every one present did full justice.

The Class President, Ed. Grace, then called upon different members of the class to give impromptu toasts. The King, the Science Faculty, the McGill Daily, the Ladies, Musical Talent, Athletics, our American Friends, the Late-Comers, and many other worthy toasts were called for and given, generally in a more or less humorous vein. H. Moquin's speech on "Our American Friends," produced much amusement by his many sarcastic references to some of those present. Billy Kearns, in a style all his own proposed the health of "The Ladies," prefacing his toast by declaring he was not a "fusser," to which statement everybody present objected.

The climax in speech-making was reached, however, when Heney, the Vice-President got upon his feet. He spoke of the future and of the many opportunities Science '19, and in fact all Science men, would have in raising the standards and taking a leading place in the many branches of McGill life. He urged every one when they had an opportunity of electing officers of any kind to elect the best man, no matter in what class or faculty he might be.

Instrumental numbers on the piano by Don Beach added much to the interest and the variety of the program. A waltz recently composed by this musician was called for and given. McGill yells, Hail Alma Mater, and popular songs led by Wickware and Beach at the piano added the finishing touches to a good impromptu program.

About 11:30, the party, each one wearing a red and white cap with the numerals "19" on it, which had been purchased for the occasion, saluted forth in a body. The class paraded up St. Catherine street as far as the St. Regis, then over to the R.V.C., Stratcona Hall and the Wesleyan College, giving McGill yells and letting the public know that Science '19 was out for a good time. The class dispersed with the wish that many more such banquets might be held.

### COACH CUTS SQUAD.

Coach F. J. Daly has made the first cut in the Williams College baseball candidates. The squad has been reduced to 35 men. The squad contains ten first-year men, several of whom give indications of promise. Seven "W" men and several substitutes from last year remain. While the veteran Young will probably be called upon to do most of the pitching, Debovoise, Foster and Smith are all showing up well.

### SIGNAL SECTION

There will be a muster parade for this section on Saturday, at 2:45 p.m. Leave will only be granted in special cases.

G. D. THOMPSON.  
 Lieutenant.

## UNITS FOR RELIEF OF WAR REFUGEES

The Hon. Mrs. Bertrand Russell Interviewed Yesterday at the R. V. C.

The Hon. Mrs. Bertrand Russell, who is to speak before the Women's Canadian Club on "English Women's Work for the War," is to-day Miss Hurlbatt's guest at the R.V.C. Mrs. Russell has been on a visit to the United States, speaking on behalf of maternity units for the relief of refugees in Russia from the war zone.

Second Lieut. William S. Lighthall.

## UNDERGRAD. IN MESOPOTAMIA

Second Lieut. Lighthall to Relief of Townshend.

### O. B. REXFORD RETURNING

Lieut. E. S. Wilkinson, Sci. '16, Killed in an Air Fight on January 3.

Second Lieut. William S. Lighthall, Arts '17, is in Mesopotamia with the 3rd Dorset Regiment, serving in General Aylmer's army operating to relieve General Townshend. The latter's force includes the 2nd Dorsets to which Second Lieut. Lighthall is attached. Lieut. Lighthall served for several months in the Royal Canadian Dragoons, before securing his commission in the British Army. At McGill he was secretary of the Arts Undergraduate Society.

Early last autumn, when the tide of war swept over Poland and Galicia, driving the civilian population by millions before it into Russia, the executive of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies was asked whether the society could not make some effort to organize a relief unit from the women of England to work among the suffering women and children from the war zone. Heartrending accounts of their suffering reached us. Though these things are inevitable in a state of war and invasion, it was felt that something must be done. Before help could be organized by Russia or preparations made to receive them, refugees poured into the cities and villages. They had tramped enormous distances; children had been born and died by the wayside; old and young alike drifted onwards; behind them fire and sword, in front an unknown future. Sickness, suffering and hunger were with them. Committees were formed and feeding points established, and barracks erected. But these things take time especially in a country where distances are immense and means of communication few. The women arriving in barracks were exhausted, and so their babies died, and thus toll was taken or the future as well as of the present. In view of these conditions it was decided to offer a small highly-qualified unit, which should devote itself mainly to maternity work, including as much baby clinic and children's welfare work as possible, which would check the spread of sickness by improving conditions. The British Women's Maternity Hospital is the name shown in Petrograd for our hospital. If we succeed in Petrograd and the all-important money difficulties are overcome, there is much more that we ought to undertake. Thirty miles from Petrograd is the town of Gatchina, packed with refugees. Our administration has visited a batch of 500 Polish families, where two or three children are dying daily.

Lieut. H. C. Wert, Med. '15, is now attached to a Field Ambulance unit on the eastern front. He holds a commission in the Royal Army Medical Corps and went overseas with No. 3, Canadian General Hospital (McGill). The sympathy of all Mr. Spenser Wilkinson's friends, says London Truth, will be with him in the loss of his son, Lieutenant E. Spenser Wilkinson, whose death has been reported, after he had been returned as missing for some weeks. Born in 1890 and educated at Marlborough, he went to Canada to study engineering at McGill University, Montreal. He was spending his summer vacation at home when the war broke out, and he was given a commission in the 1st Battalion of the London (Territorial) Regiment. His battalion went to Malta for garrison duty in September, 1914, came back to England in February, 1915, and then went to France. After a narrow escape of being blown to pieces at Fromelles by a high explosive shell on September 25, Lieutenant Wilkinson got attached to the 1st Squadron of the Flying Corps as an observer, and he was killed in an air fight on January 3.

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Lance-Corporal H. S. Fry, Law '16, serving with No. 3 Canadian General Hospital (McGill), has been promoted to the rank of corporal.

Pte. Almon, who has just joined No. 3 Canadian General Hospital (McGill) in a draft from Shorncliffe, is a part student of the University, having been a member of Med. '89. He has spent the last 25 years in South Africa and served against the Germans in West Africa before joining the Canadians in England.

Major E. W. Archibald, Med. '96, is temporarily attached to No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station. He was formerly with No. 3 Canadian General Hospital (McGill).

### DEAD, NOT FORGOTTEN.

Torontonensis Has Decidedly Military Tone.

The editors of Torontonensis, just published for the benefit of University students, experienced unusual difficulties this year in collecting their material owing to the fact that a good percentage of the members of the graduating year are at the front.

The reports to be read are those of the secretary, the treasurer and the chairman of the reading-room committee. The officers to be elected are: Honorary President, President, Vice-President, Secretary, to come from class '19, Assistant Secretary, from '20; Case Reporter, from '17; Chairman of Reading-room Committee, from '17; two members of the Council from the Faculty, and one from '18. The Treasurer has already been elected from '18; he is H. H. Platts. Also there is to be a member of the Reading-room Committee from each class. These elections will prove most interesting and concern every man directly. No one can afford to stay away.

The men do not need to be reminded that at this meeting the amendment to the constitution concerning the future dinners of the Society is to be voted on. It is not the wish of this publication to uphold either side of the question and even the President of the Society would not make any statement for publication, so each man must decide for himself and not only decide for himself but be there and cast his ballot as a member of the Society and one directly concerned.

### AT UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT.

At the regular meeting of the People's Forum to be held at the University Settlement on Sunday, March 19, the Hon. R. Dandurand will lecture on "Compulsory Education." A vocal trio consisting of Miss Atwater, Mrs. Ewing and Mrs. Granger, will furnish the music for the occasion.

### TAGORE LECTURE.

The lecture by Mr. Rustam Rustomjee on the Indian poet, Tagore, to be given in the Royal Victoria College this afternoon, is at 5:15 instead of 5 o'clock.

### PROPOSED TENNYSON MUSEUM.

Lincoln, Eng.—A scheme is on foot to establish in the public library at Lincoln a home for Tennyson manuscripts, editions of his poems, portraits, busts and personal relics, as has been done in the case of Wordsworth at Grasmere. Only very slight expenditure is contemplated, loans or gifts of actual exhibits being considered preferable in time of war. The approval of Lord Tennyson has been secured, and he has already sent a number of valuable loans, whilst Lord Crewe, Lord Rosebery, Lord Curzon, Lord Bryce, Rudyard Kipling and other influential people are also supporting the scheme.



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### MINING LICENSE.

The mining license may cover 40 to 200 acres in unsurveyed territory. The price of this license is Fifty Cents an acre per year, and a fee of \$10.00 on issue. It is valid for one year, and is renewable on the same terms, on producing an affidavit that during the year work has been performed to the extent of at least twenty-five days' labour on each forty acres.

### MINING CONCESSION.

Notwithstanding the above, a mining concession may be acquired at any time at the rate of \$5.00 an acre for SUPERIOR METALS, and \$2.00 an acre for INFERIOR MINERALS.

The attention of prospectors is specially called to the territory in the North-Western part of the Province of Quebec, north of the height of land, where important mineralized belts are known to exist.

### PROVINCIAL LABORATORY.

Special arrangements have been made with the POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL of LAVAL UNIVERSITY, 228 ST. DENIS STREET, MONTREAL, for the determination, assays and analysis of minerals at very reduced rates for the benefit of miners and prospectors in the Province of Quebec. The well equipped laboratories of this institution and its trained chemists ensure results of undoubted integrity and reliability.

The Bureau of Mines at Quebec will give all the information desired in connection with the mines and mineral resources of the Province, on application addressed to

**HONORÉ MERCIER,**

Minister of Colonization, Mines and Fisheries, Quebec

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